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Study discovers life on kibbutzim does not lead to sexual intimacy

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NATANYA-

Early stories on kibbutzim portrayed them as tawdry outposts of sexual licence, where collectivism extended into the haystack and the bedroom. Writers tried to prove this lurid proposition by pointing out that kibbutz boys and girls, from birth up to and including adolescence, shared the same sleeping quarters and showers.

The consequences of this quaint practice, since abandoned by most kibbutzim, were not those hinted at by imaginative newspapermen and novelists. Physical proximity, it now turns out, does not lead to sexual intimacy.

This has been convincingly demonstrated by a number of sociologists who recently studied kibbutz sex life and marriage. A survey of 3,000 young married couples showed that not a single husband and wife were reared together in the same age group, at the same kibbutz. Such unions did not exist even in the case of second or third marriages.

In this respect at least, kibbutz youngsters of the same age behave as if they were truly members of one family, with the usual taboos on sexual relations between brother and sister. Kibbutz boys occasionally marry girls from another age group in the same kibbutz, but most often find partners outside their own settlement. Kibbutz girls may do the same. More frequently, however, they marry boys who come to their settlement at a later age, perhaps as a member of a training group or as an overseas volunteer. This difference is explained by the fact that kibbutz boys only tend to become "serious" about the age of 18, when they are called up for three years of compulsory military service (in the course of which they usually meet their future wives).

Kibbutz boys and girls, unlike their urban counterparts, share the same attitude towards sex. This survey showed that almost all of them favor premarital intercourse, boys suggesting that it properly begin at 17, the girls opting for the age of 18. When city youngsters were asked the same question, two-thirds of the urban boys (like 69% of those in kibbutzim) said they approved of intercourse in the late teens. But only 20% of the city girls (as compared to 73% of the kibbutz girls) felt, or said they felt the same way. The old double standard has survived, at least in Israeli cities.

Close contact at all ages between boys and girls on collective settlements also seems to have had another interesting effect. It helps to explain, so many psychologists believe, the virtual absence of homosexuality among kibbutz-educated youngsters.

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ZOC decides not to join any world Zionist body

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter
TORONTO -

The best arguments of two seasoned Zionist leaders and a personal endorsement by their president fell on deaf ears Sunday as the 293 delegates to the Zionist Organization of Canada's 40th national convention voted unanimously not to affiliate themselves with a world Zionist body.

In another significant move, delegates to the three-day convention at the Downtown Holiday Inn also decided to become financially independent by cutting monetary ties with the Jewish Agency which supports them.

ZOC President Daniel Monson told The CJN Monday the organization would initiate its own fund raising "so there's no outside allocations from anyone.

"In other words we don't want to get money from the Jewish Agency anymore. We are going to be a truly independent organization."

Before the vote on affiliation, Eleazar Lipsky of the Confederation of General Zionists decried Zionist participation in Israel's party politics, while Jacques Torczyner of the World Union of General Zionists supported it.

Monson, who is also a vice president of the World Union of General Zionists, gave the group a boost by telling the delegates they would "look like idiots" at the next World Zionist Congress in Israel if they didn't align themselves with a political party.

At the Congress earlier this year, the ZOC sat unaffiliated with the World Union which had 22 delegates there from Israel's Gahal (Liberal) party.

"In Canada," said Monson, "I'm a non-party, non-political Zionist. In Israel I can't be because they're laughing at me when I say that.

"To remain as you are, you remain in the wishy-washy backwaters of the wilderness," he told the delegates.

Prior to Monson's endorsement of the World Union, Torczyner said "to have values it is also necessary to have a point of view," and Lipsky told the delegates his organization would "support Israel as a whole, no matter what government is in power."

Lipsky stressed that the Confederation was a true general Zionist group with no political affiliations, while Torczyner emphasized that, even with some political affiliation, "we vote according to our consciences."

Monson said in an interview Monday that the vote, which was a reaffirmation of a decision reached 18 months ago, went as he had anticipated.

He cited the fact that 90% of Canadian Jewry is pro-general Zionist as a possible reason for the delegates' decision.

Sunday morning the delegates decided to overhaul the ZOC's current membership structure in favor of a more formal one.

Under the present system anyone who donates a certain amount to the UJA is automatically a member of the ZOC.

Monson said he doesn't know yet how drastically revamped the system will be.

"It may be a formalization of the old one, or it may be a membership campaign where you pay X number of dollars to become a member. But at least we'll be able to say we have signed membership cards."

At a gala windup banquet Sunday evening, Monson said he was pleased to hear there was a total of 354 delegates

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The Amranim Duo get the head table clapping at the opening session of the 40th national convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada in Toronto. Left to right are ZOC President Daniel Monson, Israel Consul Shmuel Ovnat and ZOC Vice-President Morris J. Wosk of Vancouver. See story on Page 9. (CJN Photo by Gadi Hoz).

Israel is threatened with legal action unless its travel levy is revoked by Meir cabinet

JERUALEM (JTA) -

An official of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) said that its taxation subcommittee would recommend "legal sanctions or proceedings against the State of Israel" to force revocation of its travel tax said to be the highest in the world. Joseph Di Palma, subcommittee chairman issued the warning at a meeting of local international airline representatives in Tel Aviv. He told a press conference that the tax was "anti-social, prohibitive and discriminatory" and said it violated international aviation accords which Israel has signed.

A spokesman for Transport Minister Shimon Peres said afterwards that IATA had no right to intervene in any government's taxation policy. Israel's travel tax amounts to $145 plus 10% of the air fare, depending on destination.

Di Palma, a tax lawyer and an executive of Trans-World Airlines, said the Israeli tax was invalid because by taxing travel to foreign countries Israel was assuming extraterritorial rights it did not have. He said the tax was "anti-social because the rich will travel in any case" and because "certain segments of the population are exempted and others are reimbursed because it is tax-deductible."

According to Di Palma, "the travel tax largely violated the middle class workers' freedom to travel." He said discrimination resulted because Israel permits special tax reductions on travel to certain countries such as Cyprus, Rumania, Kenya and Ethiopia.

The IATA official said he visited Israel in 1965 and 1967 to try to have the travel tax rescinded. During his current visit he did not request meetings with government officials. Di Palma did not specify what type of sanctions his sub-committee would recommend.

Tekoah condemns 'vicious campaign' staged by terrorists

UNITED NATIONS (JTA) -

Israel, condemning "the vicious campaign of indiscriminate murder directed against the Jewish people," urged the UN not to standby "in silence" or weigh the propriety of action until it is "too late."

Ambassador Yosef Tekoah, addressing the General Assembly's Sixth (Legal) Committee, declared: "What is required at this stage is a concerted effort to stamp out these atrocities before they plunge mankind into barbarism . . . Jewish blood is being shed again in virtual outrages in the Middle East, in Europe and elsewhere. For Israel this is not a time for serenity or silence. . . . In a way reminiscent of the Nazi atrocities against the Jews of Europe, Jewish people in various parts of the globe have been earmarked for physical destruction."

Tekoah proposed a five-point plan for "effective steps for the eradication of this scourge." He said the Assembly should "unequivocally condemn international terrorism; call on all states to refrain from giving any assistance, shelter or protection to perpetrators of terror acts; call on all states to extradite such criminals or to bring them to trial; convene a conference which would prepare an international convention for submission to the 28th session of the General Assembly (and) call on all states to become parties to existing conventions on the prevention and punishment of international terrorism."

Fixing the blame for Mideast terrorism, Tekoah asserted that "No semantic contortions can remove the stigma of savage bloodshed from the Arab terrorist organizations and the Arab governments which are backing them." The Arab governments, he said, "have unleashed a campaign to shatter the Jewish people's national existence and destroy its sovereign state restored in part of the ancient Jewish homeland."

Paralleling Arab and Nazi policies, Tekoah charged that "Not since the days of Hitler have Jews been the target of a campaign of premeditated slaughter," but "Arab terrorism is doing that again." The envoy said "Only ignorance, gullibility or wilful malevolence will accept the propaganda distortion that Arab terrorism is a result of the 1967 hostilities."

Israel leaders don't fear additional U.S. pressure

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -

Both Mrs. Meir and her foreign minister, Abba Eban, have discounted suggestions that there will be American pressures on Israel in the wake of Nixon's re-election.

In an interview on Israel Radio, Mrs. Meir acknowledged the U.S. had its own interests in the Middle East which Israel must recognize but at the same time there were Israel's interests which President Nixon understood. Eban, in another radio interview, said he imagined at a suitable time "not necessarily in the immediate future" the U.S. would explore the possibility of bringing about Egyptian-Israeli negotiation on what the U.S. regards as a more realistic prospect than that of the total transition of complete deadlock for a complete peace."

While Mrs. Meir stressed Washington's interest in preventing hostilities as different from pressuring Israel, Eban stated that instead of worrying about pressure - a worry frequently expressed but unfulfilled - "our people ought to take a far more solid view of Israeli sovereignty and show more respect for American statements of principle and not coercion. . . . I think when the U.S. say they are against imposing a settlement and for negotiation we owe them a tribute and courtesy of believing what they say."

Eban could not foresee any major development in the Middle East, given the current circumstances, but "that does not mean I say effort won't be made to explore whether a negotiating atmosphere and context can be created."

Mrs. Meir, in the course of her interview, paid tribute to King Hussein as a "brave monarch" who wanted peace and recognized war would only result in another Arab tragedy, but it was totally unrealistic for him to demand the return of all territories now occupied by Israel, including East Jerusalem and Gaza thrown in. The way for a solution did not lie in trying to turn back the clock to before the Six Day War.

Eban, who is regarded as the super dove on the occupied territories, said at the weekend that as far as Jordan was concerned "what I have in mind is that we should advocate such territorial changes - and they would of course have to be important territorial changes - as would not involve the inclusion in Israel of heavily populated Arab areas."

He parlayed $600 into millions

By MARK MEDICOFF
CJN Quebec Bureau Chief

MONTREAL -

In 1949, after surviving 10 years of Nazism and Communism, Czech-born David Debnar arrived in Montreal almost penniless, knowing no English or French and without any Canadian acquaintances.

On the eve of his 20th anniversary as founding president of Dural Products Ltd., a multi-million dollar organization, Debnar tells how he did it.

"With $600 set aside for business, I managed to rent a basement in Montreal North. I paid a rent of $10 and it was a so-called one horsepower

David Debnar

organization - and the one horsepower was me since there was no electricity."

With his knowledge of plastic chemistry, which he learned at the University of Vienna, Debnar bought chemicals and manufactured glues. He then poured the contents of five-gallon vats into smaller quart containers.

"Then I went to small carpenter shops," he explained, "and sold them one by one with the basic knowledge of good glue and a sample on the desk."

Debnar said he discovered the name of his company accidentally. When he was cleaning out the garage he rented, he found stationery with the business name "Silver Dural" - a name used by a former European tenant who made chrome handles.

"Not having money for stationery, and liking the name Dural, I got my two daughters to take a black pencil and scratch out the name Silver on the paper."

But making glue in a residential area didn't seem to comply with police regulations, and despite receiving unprecedented amounts of orders, he was evicted from his garage.

He then approached the Dorval municipality to build a small shack on land he purchased inexpensively from the city. A few years later, Debnar designed machinery and modern laboratory facilities considered unique in his field.

Today Debnar has factories in Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver, and he's fully determined to keep it a family owned business.

Debnar does not believe that the present decade - with more businesses in operation than ever before - presents more difficulties for young people striving to open commercial enterprises.

"Without hesitancy, I say that young people who think markets are closed to them because of large corporations suffer from inferiority complexes - especially in Canada where we've only scratched the surface of development."

"You simply cannot succeed with an inferiority complex."

One remembering and one just looking, Ben Schneider, a resident of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Debbie McCutcheon, a receptionist there, examine a 60-year-old gold Matzo tray valued at $2,000. The tray is one of the 50-75 objects from Eastern Europe which will be on display when the Baycrest Heritage Museum opens Sunday Nov. 26 at the centre. See story on Page 8. (Brian Willer Photo)

Organizations and People

An unidentified man argues with University of Toronto police after he was ejected from a stormy meeting of the Arab Students' Federation on campus last week. The man later returned to the meeting which featured a speech by Quebec labor leader Michel Chartrand who supported Palestinian terrorist activities. (WILLER)

Michel Chartrand ignites passions at stormy Arab students meeting

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY

TORONTO –

Claiming to be "almost as smart as an Arab," Michel Chartrand, the French Canadian enfant terrible of the extreme left, ignited political passions last week at the University of Toronto with his unqualified support for Palestinian terrorist activities.

Chartrand, president of the Confederation of National Trade Unions' Montreal Council and spokesman of sorts for 60,000 Quebec workers, reported on his recent trip to four Arab countries.

The evening was sponsored by the Arab Students' Federation and other groups and individuals at the University of Toronto.

Cries of "Al Fatah", "Freedom for Sudan", and "Am Yisrael Chai" rang out all evening and a 10 man contingent of the Toronto police force made an appearance every 10 minutes. Jewish students in the audience tried to obstruct Chartrand's speech by singing and chanting.

There were some forcible evictions from the hall but no arrests were made.

Describing himself as an Indian with a white face who has been in this country for 300 years, Chartrand accused Canadians of being "accomplices of the U.S. and the other nations who have been helping the State of Israel to terrorize and to steal the land of the Palestinians."

"We have seen refugee camps in Damascus and we have seen refugee camps in Egypt too," said Chartrand. "And we cannot believe that those people went out of their home, left their farms, their factories, their country on their own will. You won't have us believe that."

When asked to explain why the Arab countries have left the Palestinians in refugee camps, Chartrand appeared flustered. After failing to toss the question back to the audience, he agreed to answer it himself.

"I think that most Arab governments are not too pleased with the Palestinian resistance to say the least, because they like to make deals with Israel and other countries.

"The Arab governments are not free to make peace because there is the opinion of the people of the Arab countries supporting and willing to fight for the liberation of Palestine which they see as their own liberation."

When Chartrand described the Palestinian commandos in Munich as heroes, outraged Jewish students in the crowd reacted with angry comments and chants. Police were called in to cool things off as the threat of a riot hung in the air.

"I am surprised," shouted Chartrand, "that the Jewish minority who was respected in French Canada is so insulting and arrogant in Toronto. You came to upset a meeting like uncivilized, undemocratic people."

Chartrand, fired up the crowd with provocative references to "Nazi Zionist Israel propaganda." Cheers and boos erupted after each of his statements as the performance took on the atmosphere of a political circus or an oriental marketplace.

The two hour meeting ended with the singing of **Hatikvah**, an appealing sentiment in view of the circumstances.

ZOC rejects joining world body

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and observers from 27 communities across the country at the convention and he urged them to rededicate themselves to a "viable, unified Zionist endeavor."

He was speaking to an audience of more than 500 because the dinner, like an earlier reception and luncheon, was attended by guests of the ZOC who weren't listed as delegates or observers.

Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, was forced to cancel his scheduled appearance as keynote speaker after becoming ill in New York. However, Dr. Angie Brooks, president of the 24th session of the UN General Assembly, spoke on **Israel and the African Nations.**

Dr. Brooks, a political scientist and lawyer from Liberia, outlined the programs of medical, technical and agricultural aid that the African nations have received from Israel and said that "by 1966, 10 African nations had received some form of training from Israel."

In a convention full of surprises, ZOC Executive Director Dr. George Liban got the biggest one when he was honored at the dinner for his 21 years of service.

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Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

PRESENT SHOCK

Present Shock is the theme of this year's Conference of **Women** sponsored by the **Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations of Toronto. The morning session will be highlighted by three seminars running simultaneously – Marriage Shock with Lillian Messinger, family and marriage counsellor at Clarke Institute; Religious Shock with Rabbi Michael Stroh, Temple Har Zion, and Gil Goldstein of the Jewish Family and Child Service; and Woman Shock with Dr. Shelly Romalis, anthropology department, York University. The afternoon open forum session will be for discussion and a review of the seminar findings. The conference takes place Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For further information and reservations contact the FJWO office, 150 Beverley St.

PANEL ON JEWISH EDUCATION

Parents of Eitz Chaim School students will get some answers to their questions on Jewish education on Monday, Nov. 27, at 8:30 p.m. At that time Rabbi S. K. Weinberg, principal of Eitz Chaim; Harry Botnick, chairman of the school board; and Phil Schwartz, chairman of the Vaad Ha' Chinuch committee will be at the Willowdale branch, Bathurst and Patricia Ave., to discuss the school's philosophy, its programs and their implementation.

BBYO MONTE CARLO

The B'nai B'rith Youth Organization is highlighting its membership drive with a Monte Carlo Night on Dec. 2 beginning at 8 p.m. All Jewish youth between the ages of 12 and 18 interested in discovering what BBYO is all about are welcome. Admission is free, as will be refreshments and entertainment. Incidentally there are presently more than 900 BBYO members in the southern Ontario region.

THEATRE NOTES

Toronto amateur theatre buffs will have a choice of three productions presented by synagogue groups within the next two weeks.

The Beth Am Players are presenting a four-day run of the Broadway musical **I Can Get It For You Wholesale** under the direction of Ron Ullrick on Saturday, Nov. 25, Sunday, Nov. 26, Saturday, Dec. 2, and Sunday, Dec. 3. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

The Beth Tikvah Drama Guild's satirical revue **Oh You People** written and directed by Reva Tward, is being shown at their cabaret-supper dance on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m.

Temple Sinai's Stage 210 production of the Tony-award winning **How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying** is set for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 2 and 3, and Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6, 9, 10, at 8:15 p.m.

SISTERHOOD RECEIVES AWARD

Toronto's B'nai Torah Sisterhood received an award at the recent convention in Montreal of the Women's Branch, Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, which represents 300 Orthodox sisterhoods in Canada and the U.S. The award for exceptional accomplishment in the advancement of Torah standards was accepted by B'nai Torah sisterhood delegates Paula Dubrow and Miriam Ansel.

TEA AND FASHIONS

The annual tea and fashion show presented by Crusade Against Leukemia to raise funds for Leukemia research is being held this Sunday, Nov. 26 from 1-5 p.m. at Oakdale Golf Club, Jane St., Downsview. Fashion presentations are at 1:30, 3, and 4:15 p.m. Commentator is TV personality Edie Frankel.

FRENCH-LANGUAGE NEWS

The Canada-Israel Committee has put out a new French-language publication called **Regards Sur Israel**. Under the editorship of Michael Solomon, the magazine has contributions from the editors of **La Presse** and **La Liberte**. First press run is 5,000 copies.

GIFTS FROM ISRAEL

The first exhibition of Israel arts and crafts at Montreal's downtown Eaton's has been so successful that boutique organizers have made the collection a permanent display of the gift shop – just in time for Chanukkah purchases.

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Dr. Lawrence Etigson

Among the young Torontonians doing very interesting things is **Dr. Lawrence Etigson.** A Ph.D in functional equations, he has been at Israel's Tel Hashomir Hospital near Tel Aviv since July, as consulting statistician in bio-metrics. Which means he is applying mathematical statistics to medical findings and is presently involved with another former Torontonian, Dr. Morris Chelsky, and Dr. Modan of Israel in a pilot project in lung and duodenal cancer research. A product of the University of Toronto Schools where he won a Percy Hermant Scholarship, Dr. Etigson graduated from York University magna cum laude, receiving the Governor's Scholarship for second highest standing in the graduating year. A year's post graduate work in biometrics led to his present work at Tel Hashomir which, incidentally, is the hospital where the Lod airport victims were taken for treatment. Dr. Etigson's wife Esther is an Israeli whose family emigrated from Morocco but, interestingly enough, they met in Toronto when she came here for a year to study English.

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Although the official results of the 1972 Summer Olympics winners are not yet readily available, the list of Jewish medalists, in addition to swimmer **Mark Spitz's** seven gold medals, adds up to five other gold medals, four silver and five bronze, with the honors just about evenly distributed between the U.S.A., USSR and Hungary with one winner from Poland.

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Toronto lawyer **Sydney Moscoe** is running for North York Board of Control. He was a member of the North York public library board in 1961-62 and on the N.Y. school board from 1962 to 1969, and was vice-chairman in his last term. Mr. Moscoe is a member of the board of governors of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and is active in communal affairs.

It would seem that **Jerry Pearl's** new appointment as field worker on York University campus for the central region of the Canadian Zionist Federation, and as liaison of the Zionist Youth Department to the University of Toronto campus, is already meeting with much success: The largest student delegation to attend the Ottawa Zionist convention came from the two Toronto campuses. Jerry, 22, is a third year sociology student at York and is an active worker in the Toronto Student Council for Soviet Jewry.

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Author **Elie Wiesel** has been named distinguished visiting professor in the department of Jewish studies at City College of New York.

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David Ayalon, consul general of the Jerusalem Labor Council and member of the Histadrut executive, will be in Toronto as guest speaker at the annual Chanukkah celebration of the Israel Histadrut Campaign taking place Thursday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, Codsell Ave., Downsview.

Morris and Mary Marks

Morris and Mary Marks celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently at a reception in their honor at the home of their children Mr. and Mrs. David Marks. More than 100 relatives and friends attended. Born in Europe they both came to Canada as youngsters and met and married in Toronto. They lived for many years in the Bloor-Runnymede area where Mr. Marks owned a retailing business until his retirement 10 years ago. Always active in the community they are both still very much involved – with B'nai B'rith, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue and the Centre for Creative Living. In earlier years Mr. Marks was one of the leaders in the ladies' wear division of UJA. The Marks' have three sons – Ben and David in Toronto and Saul in Hamilton. There are also seven grandchildren.

Name Israel centre after D. Lou Harris

(From our Quebec Bureau)

MONTREAL –

Canadian ORT has extended a posthumous award of recognition to the late D. Lou Harris, it was announced last week by National President J. A. Lyone Heppner.

A million dollar Canadian-financed building named after Harris will form part of the Organization for the Rehabilitation through Training engineering college at the Hebrew University which serves students studying for technical degrees.

Harris, who died last month in New York at 75, was involved in Jewish life for more than 55 years but declined honors of this nature throughout his career.

The Ramat complex trains 1,400 student technicians in all areas of engineering work, and practical experience is gained at establishments located on the campus.

"All through the years," said Heppner, "although D. Lou was honored on many occasions he has never been honored in this manner. And the building will be a lasting tribute to the energy and devotion of a very great man."

Pianist's musical life divided into four parts

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO –

Elyakim Taussig's musical life is divided into four equal parts – teacher, soloist, one half of a piano-duo team with Kathryn Root, and member of the new instrumentalist group, Camerata. In fact Elyakim Taussig's life is 100% music!

The 28-year-old Israeli pianist is performing this Friday evening, Nov. 24, in the Toronto Arts Foundation's Young Canadian Performers series at Town Hall. He is appearing as soloist in **An Evening of Fantasies,** a program of Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn-Vartholdy, Bartok and Balakirew. This concert is to be repeated at Wigmore Hall in London, England in June.

Elyakim Taussig

Taussig received most of his musical training in Israel coming to Canada for further studies with Anton Kuerti in 1969. He was the first master of music in performance to graduate from the University of Toronto and has remained on staff as part-time instructor.

Frequent performances on CBC television and radio led to invitations to music festivals, soloist appearances with symphony orchestras and chamber music concerts. Several recordings for RCA are soon to be released.

In a career that takes him around the world, with at least four months of the year in Israel, Taussig is at the moment Toronto-based. He considers Toronto one of his two homes – Israel is the other – that is when he is not at the airport.

One of the latest musical involvements to engender excitement is his new group Camerata which makes its Toronto debut in the Young Canadian Performers series in April. Camerata is a group of seven young instrumentalists and Taussig is one of the two pianists together with his duo-team partner Kathryn Root. He and Miss Root recently appeared in the first of this season's University of Toronto Faculty of Music Sunday Afternoon series, also to be repeated in London in June.

Top Israel Bond award for Beth Tzedec

A capacity audience will be in attendance at the "Beth Tzedec Israel Bond Award Dinner" on Sunday evening, November 26th, to participate in the presentation to the congregation of the special Israel 25th Anniversary Award "for exceptional dedication and service to the cause of Israel's economic upbuilding since the inception of the Israel Bond program." To mark the occasion, The Honorable Arthur J. Goldberg, former Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and Ambassador to the U.N. will make a special trip to Toronto to deliver a major address. Lewis E. Field, Israel Bond and Dinner Chairman, and co-chairmen William Crocker, Nathan O. Hurwich, and Ben Litvak, head a large committee of synagogue leaders in charge of this milestone occasion for the synagogue.

Joey Russell at Bond events

Joey Russell, one of America's leading entertainers and raconteurs will be guest artist at several highlight events on the Israel Bond calendar for Wednesday, November 29th. He will appear at the gala luncheon sponsored jointly by the Conservative Sisterhoods of Toronto, taking place at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. In the evening, he will highlight the program of Eglinton Lodge B'nai B'rith at the Golden Doors, Noshery Yorkdale. Guest of honor and Bond Award recipient of the Lodge event is Harry Pachter, Past President of District #22, and currently Co-Chairman of the Toronto B'nai B'rith Israel Bond Cabinet.

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The picture is gloomy

Record intermarriage statistics in U.S. point to same pattern here

"In the recent years the proportion of intermarriages has attained a level which, in the history of the United States Jewish population, is unprecedented."

This sentence in a report received at the recent Toronto meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, sums up in a few words what is happening to Jewish identity in the United States. Close to 17% of all marriages involving Jews are in the intermarriage category, the nationwide study found.

The report, prepared by Dr. Fred Massarik of the University of California at Los Angeles, makes alarming reading. While the statistical data refers to the United States alone, there is good reason to believe that the same general pattern of intermarriage applies to Canada as well. As far as we know, there are no accurate figures available relative to the Canadian picture. But we can assume that what has happened in the United States, has more or less happened here, and the absence of evidence to this effect should not make us complacent.

The 16.8% figure is a statistical average over the past dozen years, and there is the distinct possibility that in some years the percentage of intermarriage has been about half of all Jewish population marriages. The years 1900 to 1972 are studied in the Massarik report and it is obvious that intermarriage was very much a minor factor for all but the last 20 years of that time span.

A balancing factor in the dismal story of this dilution of Jewishness, is that nearly 96% of children in the households of mixed marriages will be raised as Jews, and that the percentage is virtually 100% in homes where the wife is Jewish and the husband is not.

The figures, of course, do not touch the real problem. We may well ask what is the depth of the Jewish commitment made by intermarried partners? Are the children likely to stay within the Jewish fold?

Dr. Massarik approached his task with full understanding of the gravity of what he calls "the shadowland separating Jewish survival from Jewish oblivion." His 41-page report, which was confined exclusively to marriages still intact at the time of the study, will be followed by a more comprehensive one.

The Massarik report poses a challenge to us, a challenge we will ignore only at our peril. The strengthening of Jewish consciousness must begin with our children, just as it must with any other sort of educational program. Traditional values have been largely rejected by our youth as possessing no validity in this day and age. We must restructure our educational processes and involve our young people in meaningful programs. Identification with Judaism requires a dynamism, a vibrancy that is largely lacking today and, if we shirk our responsibilities, the time will surely come when Jewish identity in this part of the world at least, will be well on its way to oblivion.

Diaspora's response to terrorism is even greater support for Israel

Arab-inspired terrorism - letter bombs, hijackings, murder of the innocents - has failed to intimidate world Jewry into withdrawing or scaling down its support of Israel. This, of course, was, and is, the overall objective of the terrorists. The outbreak of Arab terror also has failed to scare those nations well disposed towards the Jewish state.

The miscalculation of El Fatah and the other gangs of murderers as to the effect of the wave of terror around the world demonstrates the utter folly of this campaign of criminality. The solidarity of Diaspora Jews with Israel is stronger than ever; fund raising for Israel is reaching new heights and tourism, a major source of income, is heavier than in previous years.

Reports from Israel tell of large-scale investment in the building industry, in plant expansion and in various manufacturing projects. It all demonstrates an abiding faith in the permanence of the Jewish state, a belief that when peace finally comes to the troubled Middle East, it will find an Israel more secure, more vibrant and more deeply rooted in the soil of its forefathers, than at any time in its history.

Arab terrorism will continue until such time as the nations harboring these fanatics, such as Libya which recruits terrorists and finances them, are compelled by world pressures to stop this madness. Innocent people will continue to be murdered, there will be more instances of sabotage and hijacking of planes, but these acts of crazed and twisted mentalities will make no impression on the solidarity of Jews in their support of Israel. The terror campaign has backfired with a renewed identification of Jews with their spiritual homeland, a more enthusiastic response to Israel's needs than ever before.

The Russian government miscalculated, too, in their efforts to intimidate their Jewish citizens. The concentrated wrath of outraged world opinion over the miserable treatment accorded Soviet Jews who wished to emigrate to Israel, had its effect on the masters of the Kremlin. The ransom tax on Jewish intellectuals has become an erratically enforced policy of blackmail; lifted for some, imposed on others. Many Jewish families have received visas after waiting for as long as two years, without any explanation from the authorities.

The threat of imprisonment, loss of employment and social ostracism, failed to break the will of the resolute Russian Jews, just as Arab terrorism has failed to break the links that bind the Jews of the Diaspora with the equally resolute Israelis.

Allon's reasoning on scandals fails to convince teenagers

That was rather curious reasoning on the part of Israel's Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, when he told Tel Aviv high school pupils that the government should be praised for uncovering corruption in companies under its control.

Certainly the government is entitled to marks for cracking down on the highbinders who have been feathering their bank accounts at the public's expense. Having given this measure of credit to the government, we are of the opinion the powers that be are deserving of censure for letting corruption spread as far as it has apparently gone.

The fact that a government commission inquiry into alleged malpractice in a number of government-owned or subsidized industries brought in a report that the press called a whitewash, added nothing to restore public confidence in this area. The Knesset last week rejected three motions of no-confidence because of alleged bribery and corruption practised by the Vered Water Resources Development Corporation.

When one of the high school pupils suggested to the deputy premier that the government resign, there was loud applause from the other teenagers. Mr. Allon's retort was that rather than resign, the government should be lauded for discovering shortcomings.

Judging from the reaction of Israelis to the unfolding story of alleged bribery and corruption, the deputy premier, who is a candidate for the No. 1 post when Mrs. Meir retires shortly, is going to have a difficult time convincing the voters that all is well on the cabinet front.

Gavriel Shapiro, the engineer from Moscow and his American wife Judy arrive at Lod International Airport with a group of other Soviet immigrants from Vienna. The couple, whose enforced separation by the Soviet authorities turned them into an international cause celebre, announced they plan to settle in Jerusalem. (Photo from IPPA)

Israel's political parties face internal conflicts

By MOSHE RON

TEL AVIV -

As the date of the next Knesset elections approaches, the internal conflicts in the Israeli political parties increase. The existence of the present coalition government is endangered by the demand of the Independent Liberals to vote in the Knesset on their proposal to introduce civil marriage in such cases where the rabbinate refuses to marry couples.

The new Chief Rabbi, Shlomo Goren, has appealed to the Independent Liberals to postpone this vote and to give him one year's time to examine the possibility of solving such cases in accordance with Jewish Law.

Neither did the Independent Liberal Party heed the appeals of Premier Golda Meir and the General-Secretary of the Labour Party, Aharon Yadlin, to the Independent Liberals to honor the coalition agreement, which excludes civil marriage, in order to avoid a cabinet crisis.

Labour Party leaders are especially concerned about developments in Mapam. This party's historic leaders, Yaariv and Hazan, have become a minority in the party and the majority support the Independent Liberals.

If the Independent Liberals and Mapam joined in a Knesset vote for the introduction of civil marriage in certain cases, the Labor party and Mafdal would not be able to agree to their further membership in the coalition government. This would mean the dissolution of the Knesset and earlier elections, in March instead of November, 1973. If this were to happen, the alignment between Labor and Mapam would also be ended.

This urgent problem, as well as questions regarding the occupied territories, foreign policy and forming lists of candidates for the next elections, will be on the agenda of the four forthcoming party conferences of Mafdal, the Independent Liberals, Mapam and Herut, which are due to take place within the next two months.

Some Independent Liberal leaders, such as Gideon Hausner and Hillel Seidel, have taken up the declaration of Party leader Moshe Kol, that he wishes to resign as minister for tourism and dedicate himself to the party's work. Kol also wishes to write his memoirs.

The majority of the party leadership rejected his intention and postponed the debate and decision on the future party leadership and lists of candidates for the coming Knesset elections. In the meantime, one of the party leaders, Hillel Seidel, proposes to leave the government coalition before the vote on the Hausner proposal.

In Mapam, the struggle is even more critical. The young leaders of Shomer Hatzair's kibbutz movement are striving to take over the party's leadership. The kibbutzim have called a special conference before the Mapam convention, scheduled to take place in Dec. 1972, in order to create a majority against the traditional leadership of Yaari-Hazan, and the urban wing of the party.

Vast differences in character

Soviet children reflect parents

By RUTH SELIGMAN

JERUSALEM -

You read about them, you hear about them, yet, until you meet them personally, it all seems a little unreal and remote. I'm talking about the Russians - the families and individuals whose coming is living proof that the Zionist dream is still alive, still valid.

For me, I gravitate to the youngsters. I seek them out - in schools where they are studying, in Youth Aliya villages where there are special programs for them, in department stores where they are clerking between university semesters, even in buses when I can, as graciously and as unobtrusively as possible, intrude into a conversation.

We glibly talk about the Russians - their particular problems, their unique characteristics - and forget that this is not a mass immigration in the sense, for example, as was the Yemenite aliya in 1949. It is true that the almost 25,000 who have managed to immigrate this year is a relatively large number, but only in contrast to the paltry few who had managed to acquire exit visas in recent years. This, like the aliya from the States, is one of individuals who come for different reasons, with different expectations and with different talents and skills. And their children reflect the differences.

We are sophisticated enough to know that there are differences between the Georgian immigrants who settled in Georgia over 1,000 years ago and those from the other areas: we are aware that the Georgians enjoy much more religious freedom under the Communist regime than Russian Jews anywhere else and, having been left alone to observe religious precepts, are thus relatively observant - although their younger generation is not quite as strict as Israeli zealots would have us believe. Each month from 25 to 40% of the total group of Russian immigrants are from Georgia: since they are generally petty tradespeople or simple artisans and not professionals, the ransom law does not apply to them.

With our knowledge of the religious training given the Georgian children, we thus know that one cannot blithely talk about the lack of "Yiddishkeit" among all Russian children, cannot talk - as one teacher said - "of their almost frightening abysmal lack of knowledge about Jewish history, tradition or customs" - for it doesn't apply to the Georgians.

However, are we also aware that there are interesting differences between those children who come from Russia proper, such as Moscow, Kiev or Odessa, and those who come from the territories later annexed to Russia, such as Riga or Vilna.

Those from the "real" Russia tend to be more remote from "Yiddishkeit"; those from the provinces are often closer to their Judaism, often have an inkling of their past which - in those from observant homes - is often surprisingly deep and detailed.

Among the Russians I have met youngsters who, themselves, fought for the right to come, braved jeers and taunts and more to state their case, vocally and stubbornly. I have also met those who were brought without prior involvement, without prior knowledge. I have met those who came from homes which were strongly Zionist-oriented long before the war and those where a sense of ethnic identity was revived by the war. I have talked with observant boys and girls and others so remote from Jewish law and history that elementary practices are regarded as mystic rites. There are all kinds, but together they are living proof that "if you will it, it is no dream."

Irana Markish embraces her husband and mother in law after their arrival at Lod International Airport. Mrs. Esther Markish, wife of the late Soviet Jewish poet Peretz Markish, and her son were granted exit visas by Russian officials after two years of vain appeals. Peretz Markish was murdered in 1952, a victim of the Stalin purge of Jewish writers and intellectuals. His son is also a noted Soviet poet, and writer. (CJN Photo from IPPA)

ask the rabbi

Did raised hand cause defeat of Amelekites?

1. I find the story in Exodus 17, verses 8 to 13 about the defeat of the Amalekites difficult to believe. That Moses' raised hand should cause the Amelekites to be defeated sounds like magic. Please comment.

RESPONSE:

The Mishna (Rosh Hashana *3, 8) evidently had the same difficulty with the passage. "But could the hands of Moses promote the battle or hinder the battle?" asks the Mishna. The reply the Mishna gives is: "It is, rather, to teach you that when the Israelites directed their thoughts on high and kept their hearts in subjection to their Father in heaven they prevailed; otherwise they suffered defeat". In the same Mishna a similar, spiritual interpretation is given to the episode of the copper serpent in Numbers chapter 21.*

2. Can a wedding proceed as arranged if one of the parents of the bride or bridegroom die just before the date?

RESPONSE:

The answer is no. The Talmud (Ketubot *3b - 4a) does rule that if the father of the groom or the mother of the bride dies just before the wedding it should proceed, on the grounds that if the wedding feast goes to waste there will be no one to prepare another. But the ruling (see commentators to the Shulchan Aruch,* Yoreh Deah *343) is that nowadays, when the wedding feast can be postponed without too much loss and another prepared later without too much difficulty, the wedding should be postponed until after the shiva.*

2. Why is the Kiddush recited standing?

RESPONSE:

Only the first part of the Kiddush (dealing with the creation of the world) has to be recited standing. The reason given is that when one recites this section one testifies to God as Creator and, in Jewish law, a witness is obliged to stand when giving his testimony.

Concern for quality

Arthurs stresses social needs

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO –

A passionate concern for quality. That is the hallmark of Harry W. Arthurs' approach to his profession. Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School of York University since July 1, 1972, he oversees the education of 800 future lawyers from an open, light-filled office in Osgoode's striking new home on the York campus.

He is proud of the student body, which he describes as "fuller, more rounded people, infinitely more able" than ever before.

He is also proud of the progressive academic atmosphere in which they study. In 1967, Osgoode Hall became the first law school in Canada to involve its students in policy formulation. Surprisingly, in an era of student power, the change came at the invitation of the faculty. "They've been ahead of the students until recently," Dean Arthurs noted, "but now the initiative is with the students."

The curriculum reflects this open innovative approach. Osgoode pioneered in the introduction of new teaching techniques and courses, such as poverty law, sometimes over student resistance.

An associate dean from 1968-1970 and chairman of the Academic Policy Committee, Professor Arthurs was actively involved in the development of the new Osgoode. He seems to enjoy functioning in an atmosphere of "democratic decision making" in which he leads but never commands. His responsibilities are two-fold: to "organize the administration to respond to policy decisions," and, as a leader in policy formulation, to "get people to think."

His own thoughts reflect his deep concern for the future of legal education and the role of law in our society. By 1980, the number of lawyers in practice in Ontario is expected to double. Under the pressure of a tightening job market, students tend to neglect innovative courses in favor of traditional, professionally-oriented subjects.

Dean Arthurs is convinced that they are wrong, that clients are becoming more socially responsible and that even the most traditional law firms understand that "the same kind of intelligence is required on both sides of the street." One solution he poses to a "surplus" of lawyers is the expansion of legal services to defend new social and economic interests.

Osgoode Hall's Harry Arthurs in relaxed mood.

While he does not want to increase Osgoode's enrollment for fear of depersonalization, he is anxious to attract more members of minority groups and mature students. The problem, in his opinion, is one of finding admissions criteria which are fair to students from unconventional backgrounds.

His concern for quality forbids any lowering of the high standards those who are admitted must meet. Describing the practice of law as "a science super-added onto art," he insists on "total immersion" in a full-time program, in order to develop the "educated intuition" a good lawyer needs.

He also recognizes the need for science. He and his faculty are preparing students to use the tools of modern technology on the theory that people who understand techniques like systems analysis are less likely to overestimate what they can do.

His view of the law is unclouded by mystical reverence. In the anteroom of the Dean's office hang prints by the 19th century French artist Daumier which savagely satirize corruption in the courts. Dean Arthurs sets high standards for the law. He believes that "the best and only way to ensure respect for laws is to have laws worthy of respect."

After receiving his Master's degree in law from Harvard in 1959, Harry Arthurs returned to his native Toronto because he felt that Canada was a more open society, offering more opportunities. And for him, that is the way it has turned out.

At 37, he is in the vanguard of the new, younger leaders of the legal profession in Ontario. In addition to his academic achievements, he is a recognized authority on labor law and was chief adjudicator for the Public Service of Canada in 1967-68.

As a law student at the University of Toronto and Harvard, his ambition always was to practise labor law. On Osgoode's faculty since 1961, he admits that "any active person has to ask himself whether the academy provides sufficient opportunity to act."

But he refuses to reveal any long-range plans, partly because his own thinking reflects the state of flux he finds in the legal profession today. Like any good lawyer, he is keeping his options open.

Ordinary 'Joes' disappearing

Far too many generals complains uncle Eliezer

By J. B. SALSBERG

From time to time my uncle Eliezer gets terribly agitated over phenomena in our community which the average person is hardly aware of. His latest worry is that the rank- and-filer, the plain Joe or Abe or Max, is fast disappearing from our midst. "If this trend continues," he complains, "we will soon have to place one of this vanishing variety of a Jew in a museum for the benefit of future historians."

Uncle Eliezer thinks that this trend is bound to revolutionize the entire Jewish life-style. He swears that at a recent meeting of a prominent Jewish organization there were more people on the stage than in the auditorium.

This, he thinks, will lead to an architectural revolution in the future construction of Jewish institutional edifices; the stages will occupy the major portion of the assembly halls. When that happens people will be invited to attend bar mitzvah celebrations on the stage of catering halls or on the bimahs of synagogue and rabbis will speak to empty chairs since their parishioners will all sit on the stage behind them.

I tried to persuade my uncle that he was exaggerating the trend but he offered statistical evidence to support his thesis. Not wishing to steal his thunder I will only summarize his findings.

All efforts to streamline the community's complex organizational structure have failed thus far and they have no chance of ever succeeding regardless of the efforts of our business-trained leaders.

We have more synagogues and more diversification in the religious sector than ever before. In the Zionist camp we now have more distinct combatant units - each under its own sacred standard - than was the case when our forefathers followed Moses out of Egypt. The radical Jews are as divided as ever and each segment is prepared to sink into oblivion rather than compromise the "historic principles" that brought them into being in a bygone age.

Add to this the B'nai B'rith, the Hadassah, the Council of Jewish Women, the Pioneer Women, the sisterhoods, brotherhoods, young couples clubs, Golden Age clubs, Hebrewists, Yiddishists, fraternal bodies, landsmanshaften; each with their women's auxiliaries, youth sections and what have you?

You have thousands of presidents, first, second, third, etc. ex-presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, treasurers, countless members of boards and executives; not to speak of holders of lesser offices.

"Gevalt," says uncle Eliezer, "when you add them all up there is no one left to be a rank-and-filer, a plain soldier! We have all become commissioned officers with an inordinately high percentage of generals and field marshalls."

What is really bothering my uncle is the discovery that the numerous general staffs employ powerful contingents of publicists, researchers, public relations experts, image makers, speech writers, press liaison officers, protocol experts etc. etc. etc. This, he argues, places the smaller organizations at a terrible disadvantage since they can't afford the expensive paraphernalia necessary to gain public attention and support.

This state of affairs, he emphasizes, is unfair to smaller but meritorious organizations and unfair to the public that is often deprived of the information they are entitled to receive.

So? You guessed it. Uncle Eliezer thinks that I should become the spokesman for the organizations that deserve more of the spotlight than they receive now. I argued that I am not a publicist but a humble columnist and, further, if I should praise one organization a score of others will ask for similar treatment. This would surely land me in deep water.

"Why don't they go to the editor and ask for publicity and a place in the sun?" I asked. They do, he assured me, but the editor somehow always disarms them by reciting a long list of his own troubles as editor of a weekly that reaches a community that is made up of prima donnas, generals and field marshals.

When uncle Eliezer applied his ultimate weapon on me and asked: "If you won't help the less-privileged sectors of our community, who will?" I weakened and surrendered. From here on I will not only be warding off blows from clamoring organizations but also from an angry editor. Heaven help me! But what has to be done has to be done. OK, uncle Eliezer?

Study of Jewish radicalism undertaken by Canadian-born sociologist in London

By BRAM CADSBY
(Special to The CJN)

LONDON –

Eli Bay considers himself "part of a new renaissance in Jewish awareness," a renaissance which has grown out of a basic disillusionment with the New Left.

He can describe this and similar developments with some authority since, together with Percy Cohen one of Britain's most prominent sociologists, he has been studying attitudes of Jews in radical politics, for the past several months.

The project is being sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Studies, the research wing of the World Jewish Congress. It involves individual and comparative analyses of Jewish New Left politics in Britain, France, Germany, and Italy. The findings will eventually be published in a book to be written by Cohen.

Ninety new immigrants from the Soviet Union and the U.S. watch Israeli army paratroopers in a display at their school. Their excursion was organized by Israel absorption ministry. (Israel Sun Photo)

Bay, a Canadian, born in the small town of Dauphin, Manitoba, became involved with the project almost by accident. Nevertheless, his obvious identification with the New Left combined with an objectivity based on his recent alienation from it, make him an excellent person to participate in this particular study. His sociology degree from the University of Winnipeg helps somewhat as well.

Although reluctant to discuss, at this stage, exactly what the survey is revealing, Bay did agree to indicate some general tendencies.

"I think that the study is going to shake up a number of people who are strongly committed to the Jewish establishment," he said. "Most Jewish radicals and radical Jews feel that this establishment has completely lost touch with the ethical and moral values of Judaism.

"Even amongst radical Zionists who have a Left perspective but intend to make Aliyah, there is extremely severe criticism of Israeli government policies, notably the refusal of Israel to recognize the Palestinian nation."

He also indicated that, universally, the people interviewed had had bad experiences with Jewish education. Most of them could not cope even with the most basic tenets of Jewish religion.

Nevertheless, many, like Bay himself, are beginning to relate to their Jewishness, at least in a national or cultural sense. The issue of Soviet Jewry originally thought to be a "reactionary device", is proving to have an important influence in this rebirth of Jewish consciousness.

"These Jews are really struggling," he said. "They want more information. What does it mean to be Jewish?"

On the other hand, among many young and radical Jews, there exists an enormous amount of self-hatred.

"One German-Jewish girl involved with the New Left, could have taught Goebbels some anti-Semitism," said Bay.

Much of this discrepancy in attitudes is indicative of certain differences between North American and European Left-wing politics.

Bay hypothesizes that there is a direct relationship between the degree of anti-Semitism personally experienced and the degree of Jewish or potential Jewish identification among radicals. He does not yet know whether or not the survey will bear this out.

As far as he himself is concerned, Bay is still unsure. "At this point, I'm learning. I wasn't brought up in the tradition. I can either accept or reject it."

Nevertheless, Bay belives that "Jewishness may offer a sense of continuity and stability, which North American society basically lacks. I think we're entering a whole new period of spirituality and religiosity. I think it can offer me something."

Lansky's plight gains degree of sympathy

By ROYSTON ALLEN
(From our Tel Aviv Bureau)

TEL AVIV –

Not everyone here views Meyer Lansky's arrest in Florida as a triumph for justice. Many Israelis believe he should have been allowed to stay.

In a biting article published as "personal comment", senior Jerusalem Post reporter David Landau contended that the Law of Return was "fine in conception, but so shabby in execution."

Under a clause in this law, Israel refused Lansky citizenship because of "a criminal past."

"Just as Israel does not cast out her own hardened criminals because they are still her citizens," Landau said, "so she should not cast out a Jew - and every Jew is a potential citizen of Israel - who comes to her shores even with a criminal past."

Landau agrees that, should a Jew arrive here fleeing from an extraditable offence, then Israel must send him back to either "pay for his crime or clear his name." He pointed out that when Lansky arrived in this country in 1970, he faced no charges in America as the indictments for tax evasion and gambling (for which he was recently arraigned) were prepared later.

The charges against Lansky were blithely dismissed on the grounds that, although gambling is illegal in the U.S. (and in Israel except for state lotteries and football "pools"), this is all due to "puritanical legislation whose abrogation is long overdue."

According to Landau the most hypocritical aspect of the Lansky affair was "the interior minister's decision to issue Lansky with a laissez passer when the U.S. authorities revoked his passport."

Israeli State Attorney Gabriel Bach's declaration that Israel was not bending to U.S. pressure and deporting Lansky to America was a "hollow assurance," Landau said.

"Weeks later, with Lansky unable to find anywhere to go, the interior ministry gave him two weeks to get out or be thrown out. Asked where he would go, an interior ministry official replied 'That's his business.' As if there had been any chance of any other state accepting him when the Jewish State had rejected him and the Americans were waiting to pounce on him."

An Arab who commented on the Lansky affair was Anwar Nusseibeh, a former Jordanian defence minister now living in Jerusalem. "Lansky" he said in a letter to the Israeli press, "is a victim of legal illogic and human inadequacy."

"What it all boils down to is this," Nusseibeh said. "In an attempt to . . . stress the absolute nature of the right it sets out to protect, the Law of the Return simultaneously destroys two other more basic rights; namely, the right of an individual to be immune from double jeopardy in whatever form, and his right to be presumed innocent until proven guilty through the due process of the law."

Lansky was being made to pay twice for the crimes he was convicted of in 1947 and 1950, Nusseibeh contended, by being punished by the Israeli government, after he had been fined and imprisoned for these crimes in America. Rumors that he was guilty of more crimes were just that and should not be taken into account until they were proved by a court of law.

Lansky himself charged just before he left, that only one Israeli official was against him. "Members of parliament, army officers and just plain Jews blessed my arrival here," he said.

The fact that his laissez passer was issued in an alias shows a certain amount of collusion by the Israeli authorities.

The only newsman to see Lansky off at Lod airport was Yehoshua Kahane of the pro-government afternoon tabloid **Maariv**, the same paper that sided with Lansky during his battle to stay here. Both **Maariv** and the government-controlled radio and television carried exclusive interviews with the alleged syndicate kingpin during the period his case was being heard.

How Anshei Minsk Congregation received its erroneous inscription

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed reading the article in your Nov. 3rd issue about the Anshei Minsk Synagogue or, as it was popularly known, "The St. Andrews Shul" (after the Scottish patron saint no doubt).

The article missed mentioning a fascinating and perhaps unique feature about this synagoguge – a feature which your accompanying photograph makes very clear – the inscription above the door. This inscription, unlike most traditional synagogue inscriptions, is not totally in Hebrew but has its operative verb (or participle) in Yiddish. However whoever it was who cut the word into the stone in 1930 used the garbled Yiddish-English current in certain circles at the time (which still persists) and instead of writing "geboit" for "built" engraved the similar-sounding gebildet which in Germanized Yiddish means something quite different: "educated", "cultured".

And so the erroneous inscription has stood for 42 years announcing to all passersby and worshippers that the Congregation was "educated" in the year Taratz-1930.

Ben Kayfetz
Toronto

Dear Editor:

I read with interest your report that two Winnipeg meat processing plants were fined for selling non-kosher meat as kosher.

This brings to mind many butcher stores in this city, advertising "Kosher" on their window display, yet not being under supervision and selling non-kosher products.

In the United States this would not be possible, and I am wondering if in Winnipeg a criminal code could be used to stop this practice, the same could not also be done in Toronto?

Peter Bruckstein
Toronto

All-Israel fashion show promises to be stunning event

TORONTO –

Undoubtedly, Israel has won a spotlight inside fashion's magic circle. In the broad context of history, she has been a long time earning the seal of recognition.

It started over 2,000 years ago with a visit of the Queen of Sheba to King Solomon. He was so stunned by the beauty of her raiment that he decided to encourage an Israeli fashion industry. He began by importing linen yarn from Egypt. Progress was rapid and by the time Isaiah appeared on the scene, the prophet was shocked by "the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles and the wimples."

Some things have taken place that even King Solomon, in all his wisdom, could not have foreseen. First, Israel made phenomenal strides in developing her own textile industry, growing, processing, spinning and weaving the fabrics from which most of her ready-to-wear is fashioned.

Moreover, the fashion industry has become one of Israel's major sources of export revenue and provides jobs for thousands of persons. In this respect, the fashion industry stands to become an important factor in helping Israel reach economic security and independence which she must have to keep her future secure.

Much of Israel's progress in the fashion field also derives from Israel Bond investments which have made possible the development of the clothing industry that tells another Israeli success story.

The results will be on view when the Toronto women's division of Israel Bonds stages its all-Israel Fashion Show at the New Murray House on Thursday, Nov. 23, at noon.

Mrs. Norman Epstein is chairman of the Toronto women's division and Mrs. Donald Lipman is chairman of the fashion show.

The 1972 Fashion Show will be the largest ever, featuring selections from more than 20 leading ready-to-wear manufacturers, along with a group by Israel's first rank high fashion designers. Represented will be furs by Stefan Braun; haute couture by Lola Beer, Finy Leitersdorf, Jerry Melitz, Gideon Oberson, Rivka Shafir; ready-to-wear by Aled, ATA, Bashan (designed by Riki Ben Ari), Beged-Or, Diva, Dorina, Elanit, Elastex, Jaqueline Gal, Galia, Gottex, Lahav, Gideon Oberson, Oded, Rikma (designed by Rojy Ben Yosef), Israel Rosen, Salpeter, Pnina Shallon.

Admission to the fashion show and luncheon will be by a minimum purchase of $250 in Israel Bonds. Proceeds for Israel Bond sales are channeled into every major phase of Israel's economic development including expansion of industry and agriculture, exploitation of natural resources and the construction of roads, harbors, and housing.

The show will be staged and accessorized by Creed Furs with Miss Joan Sutton, of The Toronto Sun as co-ordinator and commentator.

This black swim outfit has circular cutouts and matching hat. Suit is of lycra, the jacket of polyester.

This is a gold navy and white antron/nylon beach outfit. Note bikini suit and long 'butterfly' cover-up.

This sleeveless coverup has blue scrollwork trim on blue yellow and beige, tweeded cotton weave.

Two piece evening ensemble has long coat made of circle and diamond pattern black velvet and lurex over gold silk and black jersey one piece pantdress.

Daughter of actor emigrates

TEL AVIV (JCNS) –

The daughters of the famous Russian-Jewish actor, Solomon Mikhoels, murdered by Stalin's police in 1948 which touched off the purge of Jewish doctors, scientists, and intellectuals, arrived in Israel.

Natalia Vofsi and Nina Mikhoels brought material and costumes from their father's artistic collection, including the costume in which he played the title role in King Lear. Mikhoels was for eight years a member of the Supreme Soviet, and his death was originally described as a "tragic accident" in Minsk in mysterious circumstances.

His daughters, however, said they later obtained indisputable evidence that he was murdered. A note in the suitcase with his effects, which they received after his death, used the Russian word for murdered and not accidentally killed.

Stalin's daughter, Svetlana, in her book about her father relates how she was in Stalin's room when he received the news of Mikhoels' murder. According to the book, Stalin said: "We shall present this as a road accident."

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Community Bulletin Board

Members of Toronto Mizrachi Hapoel-Hamizrachi Women's Organization turned out in record numbers to hear Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal; and to once again demonstrate their dedication to Israel's economic upbuilding by purchases of State of Israel Bonds. Shown here at the Mizrachi "Bond-with-Israel" Tea, on November 15th at the home of Mrs. Nicholas Hilf are: left to right: Mrs. Norman Epstein, Women's Division Chairman, State of Israel Bonds; Mrs. Jack Ross, Mizrachi Israel Bond Chairman; Mrs. Max Weisbrod, Mizrachi President; Rabbi Shoham and Mrs. Nicholas Hilf.

Sam Berger was honored at the "Tribute Dinner-Dance" of the Keltzer Sick Benefit Society on Sunday, November 12th, and became the society's Israel Bond Award recipient for 1972, for his leadership in the Bond campaign. Shown here, following the presentation to Mr. Berger of the "Israel 25th Anniversary Award" are, left to right: Harry Silverstein, Vice-President and Israel Bond Co-Chairman; Mrs. Silverstein; Mrs. Sam Berger, Sam Berger, Yehuda Hellman, guest speaker, Sam Kohn, Israel Bond Chairman and Mrs. Kohn.

Pioneer Women Mrs. George Steinhouse, Council President, and Mrs. Sam Bockneck, over-all Israel Bond Chairman, are heading the arrangements committee for their annual Pioneer Women Israel Bond event which will climax an active sales campaign for Bond enrolments this year. The "Bond-with-Israel" evening will take place on Wednesday, November 29th at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, with Professor Irwin Cotler as guest speaker of the evening.

Trust plans come of age

TORONTO –

The Canadian Scholarship Trust plan, established 12 years ago, came of age this month with the distribution of 82 scholarships to Canadian university students.

The Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation is a non-profit corporation which administers a co-operative savings plan offered to parents interested in a university education for their children.

Eight of the scholarships went to advanced students who received the second of three awards for which children enrolled in the CST plan before the age of eight years and four months, become eligible during their university years.

CST Enrolment Director Egon Phillips says there are more than 43,000 children enrolled in the plan which has more than $45 million on hand to finance the awards.

According to Phillips, 250 students will receive awards next year and more than 5,000 in 1976.

Administering CST are more than 100 trustees including Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Hamilton's Temple Anshe Sholom.

Jewish exhibit attracts thousands

By A. J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG –

Thousands of people from coast to coast and from points beyond the Canadian border have come to see **Journey Into Our Heritage**, the first exhibit of the Jewish Museum of Western Canada. Viewers have been almost unanimous in their praise of the exhibit, acclaiming it as a worthwhile experience.

Sam Barish and his wife, of Vancouver, were the first out-of-town visitors to enter Alloway Hall at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature. Barish was born and grew up in Wapella, the first successful Jewish farm settlement in the West.

Two special groups of out-of-town visitors were the delegates to the national conventions of Pioneer Women and the Canadian ORT which took place in Winnipeg during October, and the delegates hailed the museum exhibit as a surprise highlight of their visit to Winnipeg. Many asked when it would be coming to Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto and other centres.

Journey Into Our Heritage continues in its present location in Winnipeg until March 31, 1973.

The planners of the museum were able to relate the history of the Jews in Western Canada to world Jewish history because of the valuable artifacts and religious art objects loaned by the Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal, the collection of ancient artifacts contributed by the Jerusalem Museum, and the inclusion of items from the Cecil Roth Collection made available by Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Toronto.

Beautiful items have also come from Winnipeg's two major synagogues – the Shaarey Zedek and the Rosh Pina.

Blind leader dies

–TORONTO –

Harvey Pacter, 52, founder and president of the Hebrew Club for the Blind, died recently after a long illness.

A furrier in Toronto for more than 30 years, Pacter lost his sight eight years ago. He took a three-month course at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and in 1966 founded the Hebrew Club for the Blind.

He learned Braille and became expert in such crafts as basket-weaving but devoted most of his time to the welfare of others in the 40-member blind club.

A founder of Beth Am Synagogue, he was a member of the Diabetic Association, the Commonwealth Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Brighter Day Club and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

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Beth Sholom sisterhood sponsors perpetual scholarship

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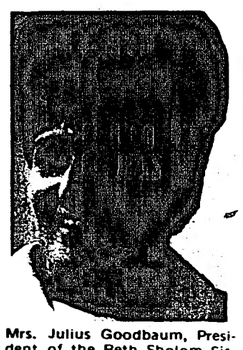
Founded in 1947, the Sisterhood was the first women's group in the area to provide a centre for young people and children. Its members have been active ever since in the field of Jewish education and worked unremittingly in support of local charities and institutions. In addition to the generous contributions made each year to the State of Israel through regular channels, the Sisterhood supports a Centre established after the Six Day War for the comfort and welfare of the Israel armed forces and, of course, contributed whole-heartedly to the Youth and Community Centre in Or Yehuda, built through the Histadrut in the name of Rabbi David Monson.

$2,500 for Histadrut Scholarship

To celebrate the 25 years of its existence and, as well, the 25th Anniversary of the State of Israel, the Beth Sholom Sisterhood is sponsoring a Perpetual Amal Scholarship for the sum of $2,500, which will provide each year, in perpetuity, a needy boy or girl in Israel with free tuition for one of the Amal Vocational Training schools of the Histadrut.

President of the Beth Sholom Sisterhood is Mrs. Julius Goodbaum. Co-Chairmen of the 25th Anniversary Banquet Committee are Mrs. Abe Granatsten and Mrs. Henry B. Lurie.



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VOTING ON THE QUESTION OF A PROPOSAL TO LEVY A SPECIAL RATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRANTS TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OR EQUIPPING OF PUBLIC HOSPITALS OR ADDITIONS THERETO.
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
1. There shall be submitted to the electors in the Borough of North York at the Municipal Elections to be held on Monday, December 4, 1972 the following question:
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2. The vote on the said question shall be taken at the same hour, the same place and by the same deputy returning officers as for the said Municipal elections.
3. At noon on Thursday, December 7, 1972, at my office in the Municipal Building, 5000 Yonge Street, Willowdale I shall publicly declare the result of the vote with respect to the foregoing question and shall at that time post up a statement under my hand showing the number of votes for the affirmative or negative on the said question.
4. The foregoing copy of the question set out in paragraph 1 hereof is a correct statement of the question to be submitted to the said electors.
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WARDS 8, 10, 12 – Don Mills Public Library, 888 Lawrence Avenue East
WARDS 13 & 14 – Fairview Public Library, 5 Fairview Mall Drive (north of Fairview Mall Shopping Centre)
E. Roberts
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Memories of bygone era are recalled in Baycrest Heritage Museum

By GARY LAFORET
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO –
Residents of the Baycrest Home for Geriatric Care will have a chance to refresh their memories of a life style long ago and far away when the Baycrest Heritage Museum opens this Sunday.

The museum exhibit will run from Nov. 26 to Jan. 6, featuring antiquities from Eastern Europe where the majority of Baycrest's 426 residents originated.

"The whole idea is that the elderly people living here are from Eastern Europe. They left behind a heritage and this museum will hopefully bring back some of the memories they may have forgotten," Dr. Sydney Wax, chairman of the Baycrest Heritage Foundation committee, said in an interview last week.

With from 50 to 75 objects, ranging from turn of the century samovars to stamp collections, on display, the museum should go a long way toward refreshing even the weakest memory, but Dr. Wax said it will also help in "preserving a way of life which, in a short time, will be lost forever."

The idea for the museum was born about six months ago when Dr. Wax, Sam Ruth and Dora Till were discussing what could be done to beautify the centre, and the original idea for an art display was vetoed in favor of something more relevant to the residents.

"We wanted to have something for the people here," said Dr. Wax. "Not just something to gawk at, but something more meaningful."

Shortly after the initial discussion, a committee was formed and has been meeting regularly ever since to arrange everything from finding and collecting antiquities to getting the display cases to put them in.

Dr. Wax said the majority of the objects for the exhibit have come from people in the community, but that 11 were loaned to the committee by the Beth Tzedec Museum.

The Beth Tzedec Museum has also loaned a number of objects to **Journey Into Our Heritage**, an exhibit currently running at the Jewish Museum of Western Canada in Winnipeg.

Dr. Wax said it was purely "coincidental" that the Baycrest project and **Journey Into Our Heritage** will be running at the same time and that, while the two exhibits are similar in some respects, the basic difference is that the Baycrest exhibit will focus on "the life the Holocaust wiped out" rather than the Holocaust itself.

Much of what was characteristic of the time before the Holocaust will be represented in 35 poster-size photographs originally taken from a book on life in Eastern Europe, which was loaned to the committee by Dr. Lee Staub.

Dr. Wax said the photos will be displayed as a backdrop to the displays in the lobby of the centre.

Do the committee members plan to try and establish the museum at Baycrest on a permanent basis?

"We certainly do," said committee member Gail Green. "We already have a space picked out."

Mrs. Green added that she was confident that "as our residents see the things we have they will remember things that they had and will give us the space permanently."

But even if they can't obtain the space permanently, the organizers of the project are agreed that the community centre atmosphere of Baycrest makes it an ideal location for the displays.

Dr. Wax said that invitations have been sent to the community and that the committee members are especially hoping that children will visit the museum "to see how their grandpa and grandma lived."

Politeness, not harrassment, pays off: activist

TORONTO –
A leading Toronto activist for the rights of Soviet Jewry says her fellow activists are discovering it's easier to communicate with visiting Russians "if we're polite to them rather than harassing them."

Judy Shier, an 18-year-old Independent Jewish Day School student, made that comment after spending 90 minutes talking to three Soviet officers aboard a Russian freighter in Toronto Harbor last weekend.

Activists have found out it's easier to make clear their views by politeness rather than harassment "which only reinforces their (Soviet) opinions," said Judy, a member of the Student Council for Soviet Jewry.

The Toronto teenager and Dennis Prager, a professor from City College in New York who speaks Russian fluently, went aboard the freighter which had brought salt from Rumania.

"We found them quite well informed and because of this feel Russians are taking Western protest very seriously. Otherwise we don't think people on ships would be so knowledgeable."

The Soviet officers were very polite and there was a real dialogue with them with Dennis doing most of the talking, said Judy, who twice has visited the Soviet Union.

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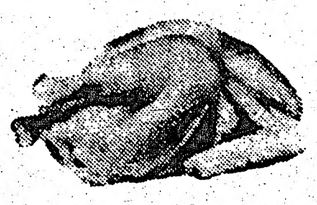

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Arieh L. Dulzin, president of the World Union of General Zionists, speaking last Saturday at the 40th National convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

ZOC Executive Director Dr. George Liban gets a token of the ZOC's appreciation from Deputy President Max Goody as President Daniel Monson (right) applauds. (HOZ Photos)

Monson gets an acclamation for second ZOC two-year term

TORONTO –

Zionist Organization of Canada President Daniel Monson of St. Catharines was re-elected by acclamation, and four new executive offices were created during the ZOC's 40th national convention here last weekend.

Sunday's announcement that trial lawyer Monson would head the ZOC for two more years was greeted with applause from the delegates. However, an amendment introducing two deputy presidents and two additional national vice presidents was hotly debated.

Max Goody of Toronto, who was later elected as one of the two deputy presidents, argued that there should only be one in order to streamline the ZOC's administration and simplify the appointment of a successor to the president should the situation arise.

He said it was illogical to have two deputies to the president and called the "preponderance" of officers "mere window dressing".

Col. Joel Wolfe of Montreal, president of ZOC's Eastern Region, said that there should be a second deputy to represent the ZOC in Montreal where many Jewish organizations have their head offices.

Goody told the delegates that "the fact that there are head offices in Montreal means nothing at all" but the amendment to create the posts was carried and Samuel Druker of Montreal was elected as the other deputy president.

The two new national vice presidencies brings the total to six, one of which is a representative from the ZOC youth group, Young Judea, who will be elected later.

The five vice presidents who were elected are Gerald Charness, Montreal; Mrs. Louis James, Toronto; Al Krolik, Saskatoon; Murray Rosenberg, Winnipeg and Morris Wosk, Vancouver.

Former national vice-president Max Forman of Halifax was elected chairman of the board and General Convention Chairman Eric Exton of Toronto was re-elected national treasurer.

Milton Klein of Montreal was elected national secretary, but, after declining the post for personal reasons, was replaced by Dr. Eli Adler of Edmonton.

Prior to the election of officers, the delegates approved a resolution calling for the Canadian Government to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to move their embassy there from Tel Aviv.

It was also resolved that at future conventions, two of the 12 members of each committee would be representatives of Young Judea.

'We paid for every piece of land,' Dulzin says

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Assistant Editor

TORONTO –

All of Israel morally belongs to the Jews, says Arieh Dulzin, president of the World Union of General Zionists and treasurer of the Jewish Agency.

There never was any political entity there in 14 centuries other than the Jewish entity except for a short period during the time of the Crusaders, the ex-Israeli cabinet minister told about 600 persons at the opening session Saturday of the 40th national convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada.

Tight security was in effect for the three-day convention. Although everyone had to have identification cards to enter the meeting hall at the Downtown Holiday Inn, some persons were frisked. There were both uniformed and plainclothes policemen and Zionist security officials in attendance.

In his impassioned address, Dulzin said "we didn't come to Palestine to free a country from men, but from disease and desert. . . . We didn't take away any piece of land anywhere, we paid for every piece of land from the Arabs prior to 1948."

Dulzin was appointed to the Meir cabinet as minister without portfolio in 1969 and left last year with other Gahal leaders over the question of settlement of the Israeli-occupied territories.

Zionism, he said, had two purposes – "to liberate our land and our people." He strongly emphasized that the liberation of the land came in two stages – in 1948 and 1967.

The opening session of the convention was a spirited affair, in large measure due to the enthusiasm of Young Judea delegates singing and dancing prior to the program and the Amranim Duo who entertained in connection with Israel's 25th anniversary celebration.

Morris B. Kaufman, chairman of the ZOC Charitable Fund, reported that $50,000 had been raised Friday at a meeting of the fund for the establishment of a youth centre project in Jerusalem Forest. He announced a fund raising campaign for the project with a $600,000 objective.

ZOC President Daniel Monson, recently returned from a trip to South America, reported to the session of "the bleak situation" of Jews there, especially in Argentina and Uruguay.

"Anti-Semitism is rampant and Jews are held responsible for economic needs," he said. "Yet older Jews don't want to leave and start all over again."

"It's doubtful they could get their money out and if they could, it would be of little value because of devaluation, he continued. However, there was an increase in aliyah from youth.

Evangelist praises rebirth of Israel

By BRIAN STONEMAN

TORONTO –

The rebirth of the State of Israel is the greatest event of this century, says an associate of evangelist Billy Graham, who has visited Israel 51 times.

Dr. Roy Gustafson, speaking Sunday at a luncheon of the Zionist Organization of Canada's 40th National convention, said that the rebirth would prove to be "of far greater impact than the United States landing on the moon."

Speaking on the topic, **A Christian View of the Middle East**, he said that no other country "has such a claim on a piece of real estate as does Israel."

Israel gave the world the "only true priests, only prophets, the Book of Knowledge and the truth that there is only one God," he said.

Despite what he termed the "waste of time" of United Nation's action, Gustafson said, "Israel will continue to be a nation no matter what other nations do to us."

In fact, he said, the one great contribution of the UN to the world has been the voting into its membership of Israel in 1947.

"There is a spiritual dimension," he said, "in Israel which Ottawa knows nothing about."

Col. Joel Wolfe of Montreal, who chaired the luncheon, said in his introduction to Gustafson that he "has an understanding and a heart for what is going on in Israel today.

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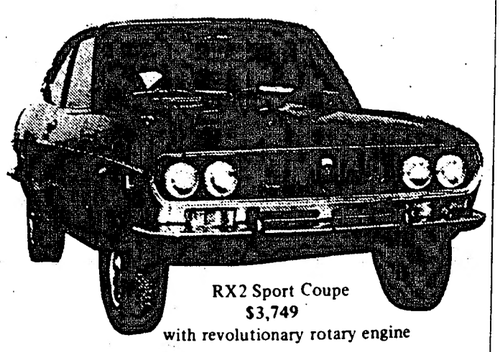

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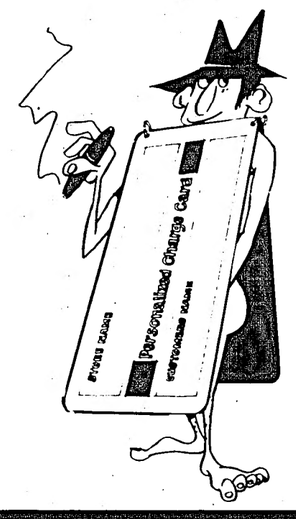

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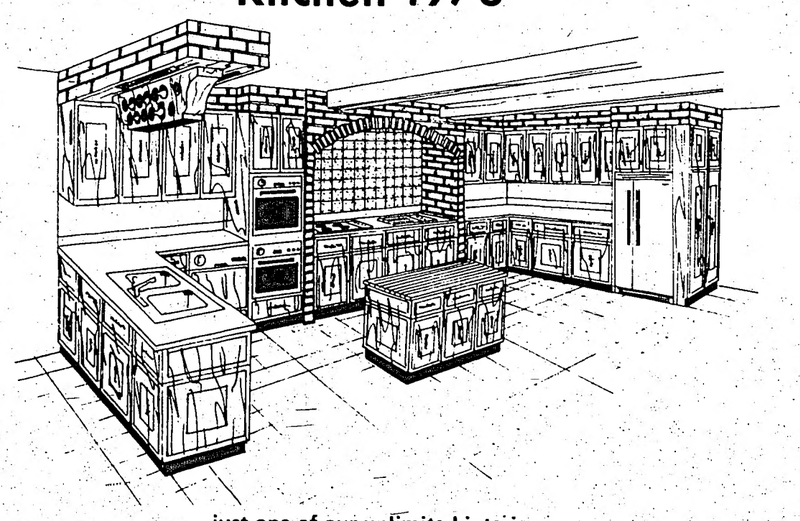

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Folksinger plans aliyah

Maybe Bob Dylan can fully blossom artistically in Israel

By RICK KARDONNE

Bob Dylan is going on aliyah.

In early October, CHUM-FM news announced that Bob Dylan and his wife Sarah will be moving to Israel in the near future to live in a kibbutz.

At this point in his life, and in our lives, it is relevant to look back on Bob Dylan's 10-year musical career and exactly what it meant.

Bob Zimmerman grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota, a town near the Manitoba border, the son of a Jewish shopkeeper. At the age of 20 after a one-year stint at the University of Minnesota, he hitched into New York, wishing to meet Woody Guthrie, a great Oklahoma topical-balladeer of the thirties who had married a Jewish woman and who was now suffering from an incurable hereditary disease. He met Guthrie, and began to hang out with a group of folksingers in Greenwich Village. Most of them were New England Quaker idealists such as Pete Seeger and Ronnie Gilbert; some were Jewish and a few were Black.

The earliest and most significant Bob Dylan songs were spawned during the liberal Kennedy years, in a feeling of true desire to create a better world. Songs such as **Blowing in the Wind** and **The Times They Are A-Changing** were genuinely Jewish-humanistic in spirit, and they rapidly took fire among young Jews across North America who were tired of the plastic pap of Frankie Avalon and Bobby Rydell. Many young Jews also saw the North American rural-folk music of Dylan as a vehicle for cultural escape from the contradictions of suburban "galut" life to what they envisioned to be a simpler, more natural and more honest existence.

The rigid musical adherence to the elemental banalities of the North American folk musical idiom explained Dylan's initial appeal; it also explains his basic limitations and reasons for his decline.

His lyric inventiveness was increasingly restricted by his basic lack of musical knowledge. Lyrically, he explored many exciting new horizons, exemplified by his best album, **Highway 61.** But his increasingly urban and Jewish-oriented poetic imagery became increasingly incompatible with his musical adherence to the folk musical idiom. As a result, he hit a creative peak in 1965, and from then on, all of his songs began to sound alike.

His following two albums, **John Wesley Harding** and **Nashville Skyline,** represent a deliberate attempt to totally assimilate into American white country-western music. They were both creatively very weak, completely lacking the innovation of **Blonde on Blonde.** It was after this period of total self-denial that Bob Dylan abruptly reversed his outlook on life. He visited Israel on the advice of friends and soon became absolutely entranced by the place. He attended JDL meetings and publically denounced pro-Arab Blacks.

His next album, **Self-Portrait,** was one of moody introspection. He despaired of the fact that the agrarian-oriented folk music scene, which he had advocated as a vehicle for social justice, was being transformed by hundreds of singers into a vehicle of hardened agrarian reaction. Perhaps the Jesus movement was the catalyst that drove Bob Dylan to Israel.

I hope that Bob Dylan will absorb and actively participate in the Israeli music scene. There, free from the trappings of Nashville, he could very well fully artistically blossom in a way he has not done before.

Audience is subjected to The Trial by ordeal

By FRANK MICHAEL

The abrupt, haunting knock at the door in Franz Kafka's novel **The Trial** overshadows even the famous knock at the gate in Shakespeare's **MacBeth** for sheer prophetic imagery and theatrical influence.

Penned half in jest by Kafka for the amusement of literary colleagues in Prague, the nightmarish series of events surrounding the very ordinary Joseph K. – his arrest for an unspecified crime, his reduction to a cipher in the labyrinthine courts of law, his acquiescence in guilt, and his anonymous execution – have since stencilled their significance across the prostrate chest of contemporary European conscience.

The definitively modern (yet peculiarly Jewish) imagination which informs **The Trial,** posthumously published in 1925 despite Kafka's request that it be burned, lends its innate theatricality, in Eastern Europe, to the theatre of political grotesque, and, in the West, to the theatres of cruelty and the absurd. Given Kafka's considerable influence on modern movements in theatre, it was inevitable that **The Trial** itself should become the object of adaptation for the stage.

The adaptation developed by Barrault and Gide, the basis for Kurt Reis' current production at the St. Lawrence Centre, assumes the choreography, mime, expressionistic techniques, and thematic simplification characteristic of experimentation in 'theatre of cruelty' as practiced in post-World War II France. As such, it bears little resemblance to Kafka's text, and poses almost insurmountable difficulties to any company not schooled in the somewhat dated techniques of 'theatre of cruelty.' Above all, the heavy physical, rather than verbal, emphasis of the Barrault-Gide version makes exacting demands of any would-be director.

Kurt Reis, in the St. Lawrence production, makes few discernible demands upon himself, and many upon the patience and amiability of his audience.

The 'pure theatricality' required by Barrault-Gide becomes pure abandon, 'visual imagery' is given over to gimmickry, and a naive, insulting, irrelevant display of sexual wantonness is substituted for thematic progression. Cut off from Kafka's meticulous, methodical menace of the mundane by his commitment to the French adaptation, and totally bewildered by Barrault's unique brand of theatricality, Reis resorts to caricature and over-orchestrated carnivalia. With few exceptions, the principals in the cast are rendered ridiculous in the interpretations required by Reis, and the standard 'chorus of the pseudo-grotesque' he typically employs is subjected to further, typically unimaginative abuse. Novel, adaptation, cast and audience alike are subjected to **The Trial** by ordeal.

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The most puzzling book in the Pentateuch, or "chumosh", (with the possible exception of Leviticus – which leaves most contemporary readers completely at a loss) is Genesis.

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It is therefore most welcome that a few recent writers have come to grips with the vast problems of understanding and faith that Genesis raises, and we are grateful to Rabbi Mond for his contribution to the illumination of this vast field of intellectual endeavor. He has served as a Hebrew teacher for more than two decades, and devoted himself exclusively to completing this work during the past few years.

Many contemporaries are so specialized in terms of their outlook and intended audience that we can easily classify them in a particular compartment which makes them attractive to only certain readers and repellent to others.

Some commentaries are of a Bible-critical viewpoint, with a great deal of historical and archaeological evidence amassed to try to assess the accuracy of Biblical accounts of this or that, and with a constant effort to find places where the Biblical narrative is "wrong"; other commentators are professionals writing in a heavy, technical way to others who are able to gain benefit from the particular work only when they have mastered the complicated literary jargon; there are also commentators who are thorough traditionalists and make no reference whatever to anything that has been written or has occurred in the past three centuries.

Rabbi Mond, however, has succeeded in avoiding these pitfalls, and presents us with an analysis of Genesis which is certainly authentic and traditional in spirit, but does not disregard the real problems of Jewish life today nor the contributions of other authors who themselves lived in modern times and reflect some of the perplexities that the modern Jew has to confront.

It is perhaps a weak point from a marketing standpoint that the intended audience of Rabbi Mond's commentary is not clear. A traditional Yeshiva-trained reader, accustomed to being presented with the original text of quotations in Hebrew even where the commentary is in English, would probably feel a little "strange" when he uses this commentary because the citations and extracts from other Biblical writings are entirely in English.

On the other hand, a beginner who is not well versed in the basic Jewish literature may find this commentary rather rough going for him, since this is not a children's or beginner's text but instruction and discussion at a fairly sophisticated level. This does not mean that the book could not be used by a wide range of readers, but rather that some of those who study this commentary will find certain elements of its format or presentation out of keeping with the "usual thing" for them.

One should also mention the application of certain events in the book of Genesis to modern moral issues, which is one of the strong points in Rabbi Mond's treatment. He points out the relevance of so many of the conflicts, temptations, and revelations which are presented in Genesis for thinking man today. That is important, as moral guidelines seem harder and harder to find nowadays.

It is possible that Jewish High Schools will find this book particularly relevant to their needs. So far, it has been very well-received by educators and other thoughtful adults. It is hoped that many of our young people will be helped in their own search for meaning in Genesis, and in their over-all lives as Jews, by having the wise guidance of this book.

Dr. Leo Davids is a sociology professor at York University.

Despite problems, Yiddish theatre launched in international series

TORONTO –

A local Yiddish theatre group has taken its first step towards staging a revival of this art form, despite the difficulties which inevitably are encountered by an undertaking of this kind.

For the first time in Toronto, the stage of the St. Lawrence Centre town hall was the scene of the initial presentation, Peretz Hirshbain's **Griene Felder.** It was the contribution of the Toronto Yiddish Theatre to the international theatre festival sponsored by the Multicultural Theatre Association, the first festival of its kind in Canada.

Toronto Yiddish Theatre was formed last year under the auspices of the Committee for Yiddish, of Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region. Among the younger members of the cast are Canadian - born performers engaged in various professions, including a systems analyst and a sociologist.

The group has received the active support of the YMHA which has made available its rooms for rehearsal space. Other organizations that have co-operated are the Baycrest Centre, Associated Hebrew Schools, Borochov Centre and the New Jewish Fraternal Order. The theatre group plans to visit Hamilton, Ottawa and Kitchener to stage performances, as well as giving repeat shows in Toronto.

Many problems remain to be solved before the theatre group can feel safely launched on its mission to provide Yiddish theatre in the community. Chief among them are matters of budget and finances. It is hoped that having shown what it can do – the debut was most auspicious – public support will be forthcoming.

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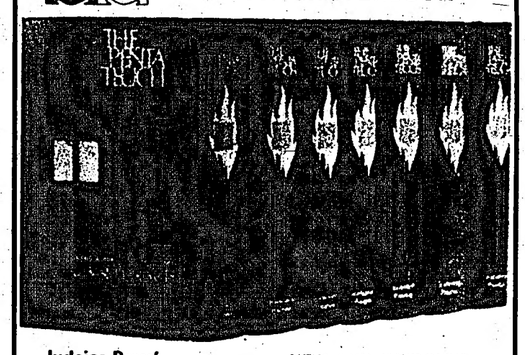

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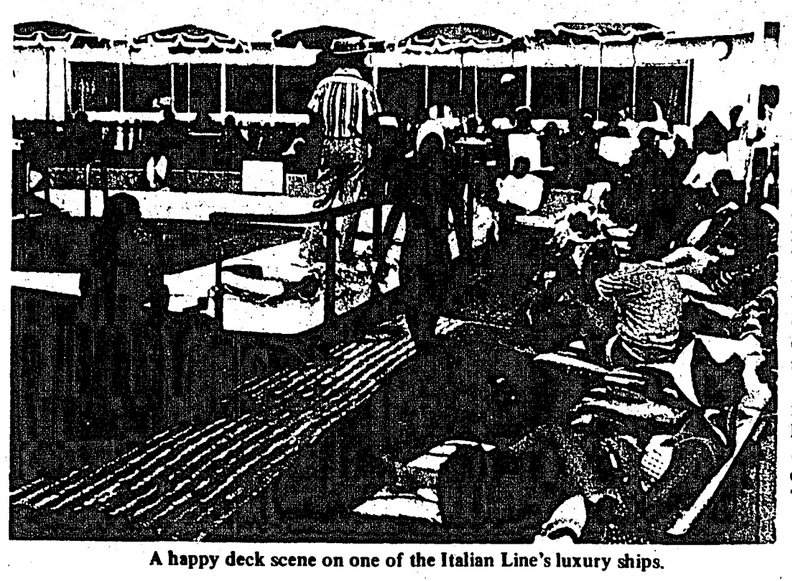

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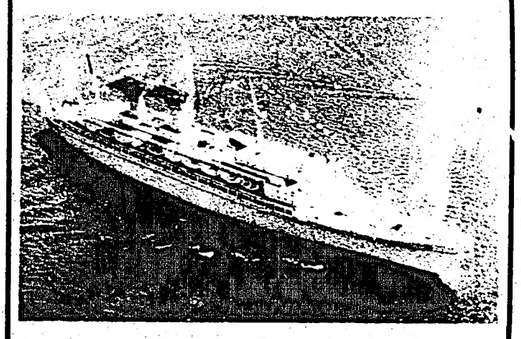
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Naturalized Canadian asks election to Hamilton board

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON –

It was the conviction that citizens should be involved in politics that made Marjorie Baskin decide to run for office as trustee on the board of education in next month's Hamilton civic elections.

Mrs. Baskin is well known to Hamiltonians of all denominations as an active member of numerous volunteer organizations and energetic campaigner for any cause which could improve the life of the community, be it the Jewish community, the city of Hamilton at large or the cultural or social scene.

If it's important, there is always room for another job in Mrs. Baskin's life. In addition to her full-time job as research associate in the department of clinical epidemology of the McMaster University medical school, she serves on various committees, finds time for music and the arts as well as social functions, nor does she neglect her duties as wife of the rabbi of Temple Anshe Sholom, Bernard Baskin.

Her volunteer work at Temple Anshe Sholom, as organizer of the nursery school and temple youth league, supervisor of the religious school until a few years ago and involvement with various teenage activities, have given her a keen interest in child development and educational methods, while working with the aged has convinced her that education is a life long process. Through her three children, all educated in Hamilton, she has gained intimate knowledge of the local school system.

For many years a vocal critic of this system, Mrs. Baskin found that complaining to teachers and principals was getting her nowhere. Nor could she summon support from the home and school association, which she calls a "tea party organization."

"We are all consumers, kids as well as parents, and, as consumers, we have a right to be heard and to be represented."

Mrs. Baskin, a native of Denver, Col., who became a Canadian citizen two years ago wants to take her place in civic affairs in an area where she feels she can make the best contribution.

"I don't intend to change the whole system," she says with a smile which suggests she'd like nothing better and you see her mentally rolling up her sleeves for the fight.

But Marjorie is a very down-to-earth person.

"No system is ever perfect. You pick on one or two things and attack it bit by bit."

Her main concern at the moment is the rapidly widening cultural and educational gap, which she feels can be eliminated through a tutorial system and in which bright students can help the slower ones.

"Having these children in schools should not mean a lowering of standards."

Abraham Feinberg (left) of New York, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel, has a word with Murray B. Koffler, national president of the Canadian Society of the institute. Feinberg was guest speaker at the Toronto Weizmann Dinner last week. (Photo by Willer)

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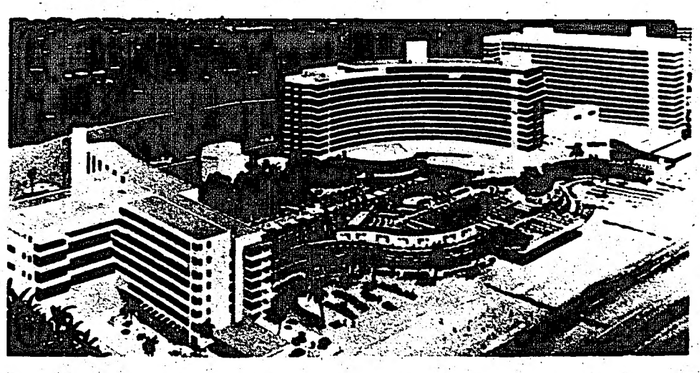

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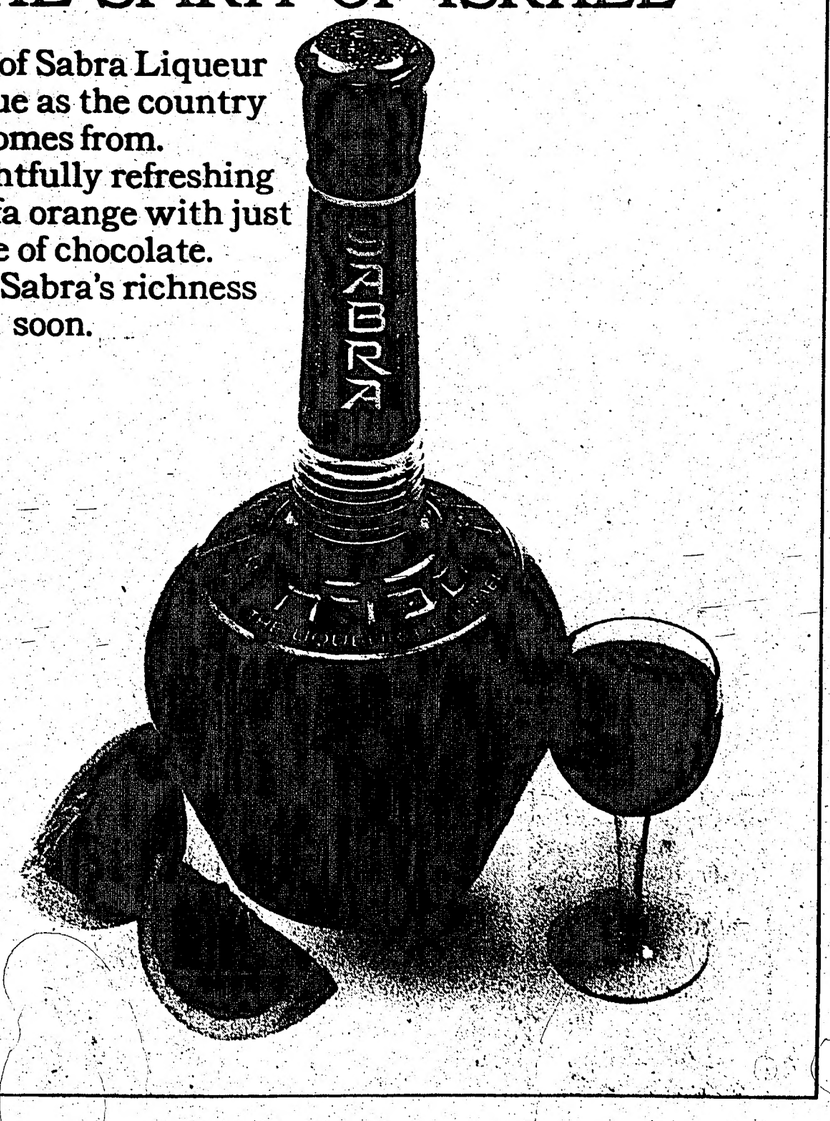

International news

President Zalman Shazar celebrated his 83rd birthday recently attending Chabad Synagogue for morning services. Chabad chassidim celebrated with songs and dances.

British Jews are targets

Letter bombs spread to Britain

LONDON (JTA) –

British Jews appear to be the principal targets of the new wave of letter bombs flooding Britain. To date, 20 of the bobby-trapped envelopes have been either intercepted at postal sorting offices or turned over to police by recipients. One recipient, Vivian Prins, a diamond merchant, was injured when he opened a letter bomb in his office. He was reported resting comfortably at St. Bartholomews Hospital.

Other recipients included Abba Bornstein, former chairman of the British Mizrachi, Chief Rabbi Emeritus Sir Israel Brodie, and the sexton of a small synagogue who said he was probably on the terrorists' list because his name appears on the synagogue's note paper. Letter bombs were also received by three Jews in Glasgow.

Several were addressed to offices in Whitechapel where many Jewish business firms are located. Scotland Yard has warned Jews not to open unexpected mail from abroad. Police increased security for the 17th biennial national conference of the British Section of the World Jewish Congress which opened here.

(The Israeli newspaper, **Maariv**, has reported that two Palestinian Arabs were arrested in Bucharest after Rumanian authorities found letter bombs in their possession. The Arabs were enroute to Yugoslavia where it was believed they intended to mail the bombs to Israeli individuals and Jewish institutions.)

A Dutch - Jewish industrialist, Oscar Van Leer, said in Amsterdam that he may have been the intended target of an explosion that took three lives last week in the Sheraton Hotel in Buenos Aires. He said the blast occurred in a room adjoining his and "may have been the work not of Arab terrorists but of anti-American elements."

Van Leer played a leading role in organizations providing economic aid to Israel. The Dutch Minister of Justice, Andreis Van Agt, told the Netherlands Senate last week that the government is considering making false bomb alerts and the planting of fake bombs a punishable offence.

Civilization brings more heart attacks

TEL AVIV (JCNS) –

Civilization has caught up with the Beduin in the Negev (Israel's southern desert area). The "blessings of civilization" include heart disease.

Dr. Moshe Zamir of the Soroka Medical Centre in Beersheba, speaking at the national conference of the Israel Society of Internal Medicine reported that since the establishment of the Jewish State and until 1960, heart attacks among the Beduin were extremely rare. Since 1962, said Dr. Zamir, there had been 35 cases of heart attacks among the Beduin, some fatal. Only one case involved a woman.

Of 23 persons who had suffered heart attacks, only two (or 8.7 per cent) had been found to have high cholesterol levels. This compares with 57 per cent among Jews who have had heart attacks. The average age of Beduin with the heart attacks is 59 years (similar to that of the Jewish population).

"The only explanation that seems viable at present is that the Beduin are adopting more and more western ways of life. They eat better and richer food; their physical activity has dropped; and they are subject to the stresses and tensions of western life," said Dr. Zamir.

He added that once – "in the good old days" – a Beduin man would have several wives, and this meant a lot of physical activity "of a certain type."

Sadek's forces rally

Trouble in armed forces haunts Egypt's president

Beirut Daily Star

By RAPHAEL CALIS

President Anwar Sadat might have appeased the Russians by removing Moscow's ardent enemy in Egypt, Gen. Mohammed Sadek, but he has definitely not strengthened his own shaky position within the armed forces or among the Egyptian masses.

Sadek's removal is bound to leave its mark for, after all, wasn't it he who rallied the Armed Forces around Sadat in May, 1971, when former Vice President Ali Sabri and other left-leaning ministers attempted to topple the president? It is common knowledge in Egypt that no leader (and Nasser was no exception) can remain in power for long if he loses his influence in the army, the only source of power in modern Egypt.

Sadat might have turned a difficult corner with the Soviets after his Premier's low-keyed visit to Moscow, but he will soon find out that it was merely a salvaged marriage, a holding operation without passion, for the sake of the children.

It is still unclear whether Sadat has taken any precautions against a possible backlash to Sadek's ouster, but the sources of trouble are definitely on the increase, both in the armed forces and on a popular level.

Sadat did not remove the Armed Forces Chief of Staff, Gen. Saad El Shazli – a popular and dynamic military man. Shazli has two reasons for being dissatisfied with Sadek's removal: first, he is known to be a Sadek follower in sharing his superior's feelings about the Russians; second, he is bound to resent the fact that an outsider, Ger. Ahmad Ismail, was named Commander-in-Chief and not himself. Sadek's supporters inside the armed forces might find in Shazli a potentially rebellious leader against Sadat's policies.

Of course, the other sources of trouble for Sadat inside the armed forces are many: there are still those officers loyal to ex-commander Mahmoud Fawzi, now serving his sentence in prison; there are also the disgruntled soldiers who do not want a rapprochement with Moscow and who are resentful because the Russians' role as teachers and watchdogs was, until recently, abrasive and restrictive; and there is always the disgruntled soldier baking along the Suez Canal who has been promised liberation and an opportunity to prove his ability in deeds but not in speeches.

Sadat's Achilles heel to date has been his indecision. He has been fluctuating between a state of no-war-no-peace for the last three years; he needs Soviet military hardware and a friend in the top league, but doesn't want to give the friend anything in return; he needs the Americans, but cannot find anything in common with them. It is this vacillation that might still herald further trouble inside the Egyptian hierarchy.

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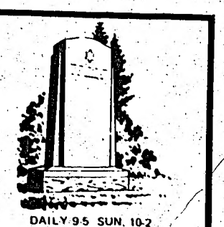

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Ontario secondary schools accused of pro-Israel bias

By NORMAN TOLLINSKY

TORONTO – At a conference on the Middle East, sponsored last week by the Continuing Education Program of the University of Toronto, the Ontario secondary school system was accused of fostering a pro-Israeli, pro-Western bias in the teaching of Arab history and society.

The conference was organized in conjunction with the University of Toronto's Department of Islamic Studies for about 200 history, geography, and social science teachers from all parts of Ontario.

Assistant Professor J. R. Blackburn and Associate Professor L. M. Kenny of the Department of Islamic Studies based their accusations on a study they conducted in which curriculum guidelines, textbooks, and the attitudes of teachers were analyzed.

"It is a travesty to picture the Arabs of today as backward desert nomads or sheiks in Cadillacs who go around buying palaces and harems while the people wallow in misery," said Professor Kenny.

The authors of the study said they found derogatory descriptions, omissions, unhistorical judgments and distortions of fact in the 70 history and geography textbooks used in Ontario high schools.

Referring to the alleged lack of attention given to the rights of the Palestinians, Professor Kenny claimed that the image portrayed is one of "Jewish immigration to an empty land of wandering nomads."

He also criticized misrepresentation in the treatment of Arab nationalist movements whose leaders, he said, are often described as "troublemakers and rabid haters of foreigners."

The existence of slavery and polygamy in Arab history contribute to the portryal of a negative image, said Professor Blackburn.

"But it is not mentioned," he protested, "that Mohammed limited the number of wives to four and that the slaves were never as abject as the Blacks in the United States."

To rectify these alleged biases, the two professors announced they would provide bibliographies and audio-visual material to high school teachers.

Professor Blackburn described the conference itself as an attempt to deal with this problem. The teachers listened to lectures on Arab history and society and participated in six discussion groups with topics ranging from the Arab-Israeli question to oil and economics in the Middle East.

With only two exceptions, all the speakers and seminar leaders were professors in U of T's Department of Islamic Studies. Professor Ali Tayyeb of the Department of Geography spoke on the subject of oil and economics and Rabbi Michael Stroh of Toronto's Temple Har Zion shared the platform with Professor Kenny in the discussion of the Arab-Israeli question.

"Has the State of Israel been there long enough to acquire the right to exist?" asked Professor Kenny.

"My answer would be a qualified yes for I cannot accept Israeli exclusive proprietory rights to this area. I simply cannot agree to the disinheritance of the Palestinian Arabs."

Claim and counter claim carried the discussion to the same fate as every other discussion of the Arab-Israeli conflict with deadlock and dilemma brought into sharper focus.

One indication of how meaningless the conference may have been was the striking contradiction between the continued espousal of more informed approach and the regrettably inescapable facts of a backward and underdeveloped Arab world as exhibited in the audio-visual program that brought the conference to an end.

An attempt to promote more accurate image of the Arab world may have done more to caution the participating teachers against a major overhaul of the present image.

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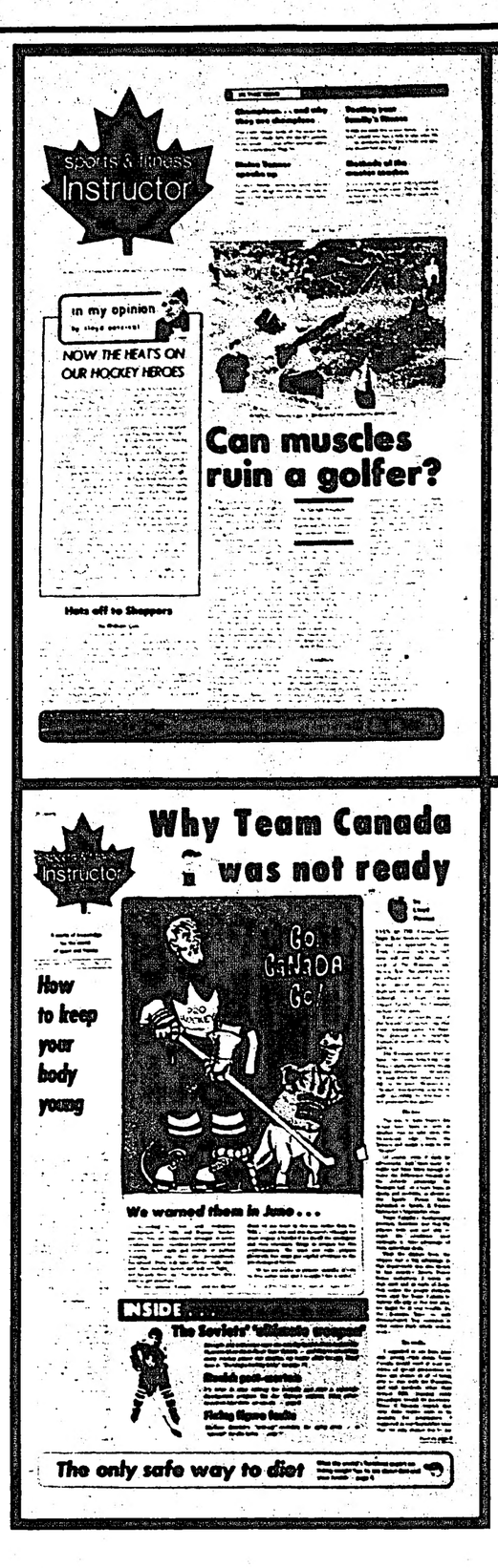
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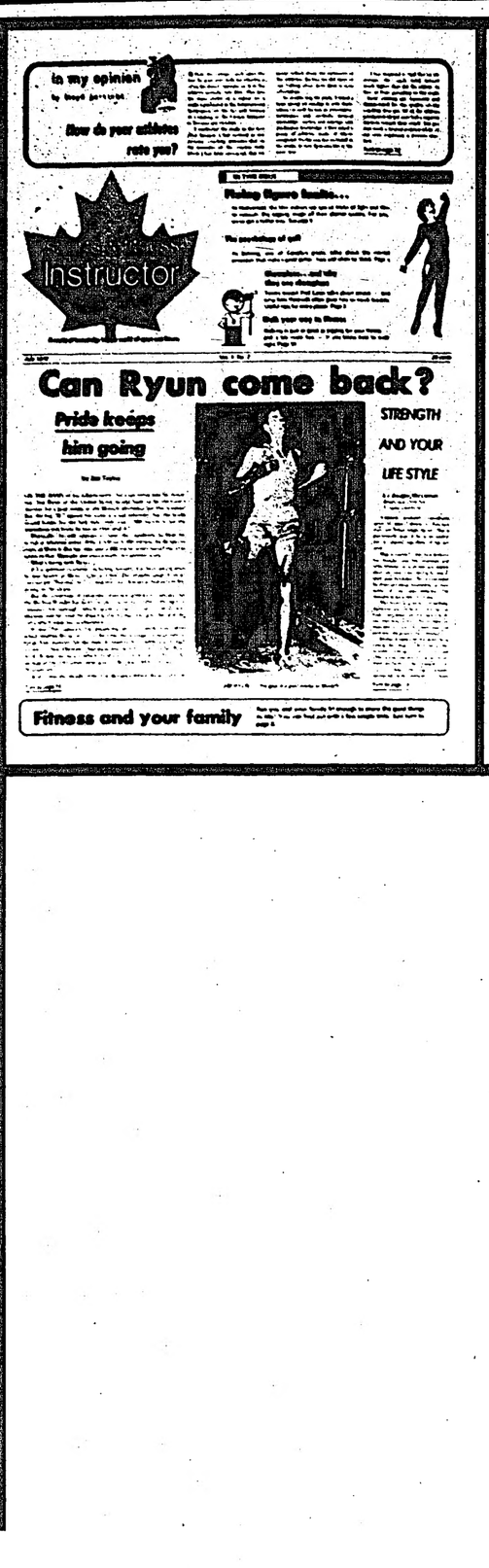

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